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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD MTN

SUBJECT: JULY 5-7 MEETING OF MTN SUBGROUP ON MEAT

1. THE MTN SUBGROUP ON MEAT COMPLETED ITS FOURTH SESSION ON JULY 7.

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE EC ELABORATED ON THEIR EARLIER PROPOSALS. WHILE THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STATEMENTS DID NOT ADD MUCH TO THEIR EARLIER PROPOSALS, THE EC ELABORATED AT LENGTH ON ITS CONCEPT OF CONCERTED DISCIPLINE. THE EC EXPLAINED THAT CONCERTED DISCIPLINE WOULD ENTAIL THE CREATION OF A NEW CONSULTATIVE AND SURVEILLANCE BODY WHOSE TASK IT WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD BEEF TRADE AND TO CONSULT ON APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY IN TIMES OF IMPENDING OR ACTUAL CRISES.

2. THE EC PROPOSAL WAS NOT CLEARLY ARTICULATED AND IT WAS ONLY AT THE END OF THE MEETING THAT THE EC, THROUGH THE GROUP'S CHAIRMAN (LUCQ), ANNOUNCED THAT THAT EC WOULD SUBMIT ITS PROPOSAL IN WRITING. A LARGE PART OF THE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WAS TAKEN UP WITH ATTEMPTS TO ELUCIDATE THE EC PROPOSAL. THE US STATED THAT IF THE EC WERE NOT TO COMMIT ITSELF TO MORE THAN CONSULTATIONS, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE MEAT SUBGROUP WOULD BE PRE-EMPTED. THE EC DENIED THE INTENT NOT TO COMMIT ITSELF TO CERTAIN ACTIONS BUT REMAINED COMPLETELY VAGUE ON WHAT COMMITMENT IT WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSUME. IT DECLARED THAT AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHING A MULTILATERAL FRAME WORK FOR AN OBLIGATORY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND OBLIGATORY CONSULTATIONS IS, IN THE EC VIEW, AN ABSOLUTE PREREQUISITE BEFORE DECIDING ON FURTHER STEPS. IT STATED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NOT ACCEPT A TARIFF FORMULA FOR MEAT, NOR CHANGE ITS LEVY SYSTEM.

3. THE SUBGROUP CONTINUED ITS CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THE MEASURES MAINTAINED IN THE BOVINE SECTOR BY REVIEWING THE SYSTEMS APPLIED BY URUGUAY AND POLAND.

4. THE SUBGROUP AGREED TO HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING AT A DATE TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SET IN CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS.

5. A FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW. WALKER

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